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Regents send alcohol proposal to city council

Hubbard says issue is important

By BILL KNUST
EDITOR IN CHIEF

If Northwest president Dean Hubbard has his way, there will never be another all-you-can-drink special again in Maryville. At Hubbard's recommendation, the Board of Regents sent

a proposal to the Maryville City Council to abolish all-you-can-drink specials at bars.

The proposed ordinances call for the ban of any offer of free alcohol in any form to any person, the offer to serve anyone a drink at a price that is less than the acquisition cost of the alcohol and a ban on serving any person an unlimited number of drinks during any set period of time for a fixed price among other things.

The only catch to the all-you-can-drink ban would be if

the engagement is a private function not open to the general public or to the general membership of the club.

Ron Moss, mayor of Maryville, said when an ordinance is proposed, the council normally has a discussion session on the topic first, so the council can hear if there is interest in the ordinance.

Moss also expressed the need for those supporting the ordinance to make their voices heard at the discussion.

"Any time there is special leg-

islation brought before the council, we usually have a discussion session," Moss said. "The council usually likes to have those that are opponents and those that are for it appear. With the Board of Regents passing this ordinance saying they don't approve of these all-you-can-drink specials, I think it would appear very favorably with the council as far as them considering further legislation."

The discussion meeting probably will not take place for another two or three meetings,

probably in March or April, he said.

"We all already have the agenda for the next meeting set, so we will have to wait," Moss said.

Matt Chesnut, city manager, stressed the need to have the discussion session while school was still in session.

"It wouldn't be beneficial to have these discussions in June or July because we want to have that student input whether it is for or against it," Chesnut said. Hubbard said he felt the or-

dinance from the University has now forced the city to react.

"That was the purpose of the ordinance," Hubbard said. "We're not the first school to do this. In fact, that proposed ordinance was given to us by the people at MU (University of Missouri-Columbia), and we modified it."

If it came to the point where the city council did not pass the ordinance, the University still has plans to try and end the specials, Hubbard said.

"We will play that close to

our chest in terms of what we want to do," Hubbard said. "I wouldn't be opposed to action against the bars. There is legal precedent to this. I asked these people from this national organization, and they gave me an attorney that fights these kinds of suits."

Hubbard made it clear that he wanted to see action taken because it was a "critically important issue."

"We owe it to our students, our parents and our community

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State spares Northwest from cuts

Senate approval is still needed after passing state tobacco plan

By KARA SWINK
WEB LIAISON

As the 2003 fiscal year comes to a close, there may be hope for Missouri's public education after a majority of lawmakers approved selling more than \$150 million in tobacco bonds last week.

The news came after Gov. Bob Holden and the Missouri House of Representatives struck a compromise to close the budget shortage. They agreed to utilize \$150 million in tobacco securitization funds, make additional cuts in state department appropriations, delay the promised \$30 million for the University of Missouri-Kansas City pharmacy building and delay settlement payment to Southwestern Bell.

The State Senate started final debate Wednesday on whether or not to approve the proposal to give the governor \$150 million. The Senate minority Democrats are driving for more than \$250 million.

If the Senate votes against the proposal, Holden said he will have to make an \$82.3 million cut in education to fill the remainder of the state's budget shortfall. A state total of \$21 million will be cut from higher education. Elementary and secondary education will face \$61 million instead of their projected \$259 million cut.

Chris Kelly, director of communication at the Missouri Department of Higher Education said the compromise will not be finalized until the Senate debates their version and votes, said Holden and the Department of Higher Education is hoping for the best.

"At a press conference held after the House made their decision, Holden said, '\$150 million is better than where we started but we'd take more,'" Kelly said. "The governor showed true leadership and the House showed they could work together and compromise. Holden looked at all their ideas also. Weeks ago the budget was at zero and now it's at \$150 million. Hopefully when they start debating about the '04 budget they can compromise to."

Within the state cut in higher

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Northwest students and faculty are divided on what actions the United States should take against Iraq. Some feel that the United States should pursue military action against Iraq, while some feel the United States should let the U.N. weapon inspectors do their job.

ON THE BRINK?

Local, state residents take stances on war

By PETE GUTSCHENRITTER
UNIVERSITY NEWS EDITOR

As the United States and the rest of world watches the developments of a possible war with Iraq, Maryville resident Mike Thompson tries not to relive his experiences at war.

Thompson, serves on the city council, is a Vietnam War veteran, and does not like to recall his time spent there.

He said there was a lot of controversy involving the Vietnam War and how the government handled the situation.

And with possible war looming, Thompson is hopeful it doesn't happen to anyone else.

"War stinks," Thompson said. "But the reality is there. If (Iraq) fires first, (the U.S. soldiers) lives are on the line, and they grow up real quick. Training is very important too."

Thompson said one of the things that helped him recover from Vietnam was watching the soldiers return from the Persian Gulf after the war.

State and county representatives have also spoken out about where they stand on the controversial topic.

Brad Lager, fourth district representative, said the country is facing a different scenario than in the past.

"The reality is that the president and the secretary of state have a much better understanding of Saddam Hussein," Lager said. "If they feel that strong about him, then they need to protect the country."

President George W. Bush

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Students, faculty divided on potential U.S. attacks

By MARK EUSTON
CHIEF REPORTER

With the rising possibility of the United States fighting a war with Iraq, students and teachers alike have been developing their views on how America and its allies should handle the situation in the Middle East.

One view is that the United States should go to war to prevent Iraq from striking at the United States and their allies.

"It is pretty obvious that Saddam (Hussein) is hiding weapons banned by U.N. regulations," Justin Behrends said. "It is just a matter of time before he attacks someone or gives (weapons) to terrorists. The U.S. must send in troops to prevent this from happening."

However, others do not agree with this theory. Although some believe Iraq most likely has weapons banned by the United Nations, they argue that it must be proven that the weapons are there.

"Any action right now in Iraq without verifiable proof will make more people join groups like al Qaeda," said Richard Frucht, professor of history. "You might as well put up a recruiting poster for them."

Some argue that Saddam Hussein runs a repressive dictatorship and that his country does pose a threat to the United States and other countries, but others argue that Iraq is not the biggest threat to the United States and other countries.

Frucht argues North Korea and terrorist organizations such as al Qaeda threaten national security.

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Computing Services pledges improvement

Complaints address Internet issues

By PETE GUTSCHENRITTER
UNIVERSITY NEWS EDITOR

In response to numerous complaints about network quality, Northwest's Electronic Campus will soon be getting a major facelift.

The Department of Information Systems will be making major adjustments to current policies to improve the overall speed of the Internet at facilities on campus and in residence halls. Jon Rickman, vice president of information systems, said their goal is to have everything completed by the end of March.

These adjustments include

stabilizing the network, strengthening the current firewall and reconfiguring the library exchange system to further strengthen the firewall.

Rickman has teamed up with his staff to compile an outline of non-academic uses of the Internet, current steps to be taken and future improvements to pursue.

They will try to refine current policies, escalate the support interaction with the University vendor and revamp the library document exchange system in order to improve Internet speed and accessibility.

Rickman said the problem came about at the beginning of the trimester.

"This spring, we realized we really had to take some action steps to resolve issues that usually settle down in the middle of the fall," he said. "The records show that our primary problem

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PHOTO BY KERRY JONES/CHIEF PHOTOGRAPHER

Washington school will be demolished for a price of \$139,560 and will take 150 days to be completely torn down. There are no plans for anything to take its place.

Board approves demolition firm to tear down middle school

Process will take 150 days and cost \$139,560

By SARAH SWEDBERG
CHIEF REPORTER

Maryville residents, students and parents will soon be affected by some of the decisions made last night at the Maryville School Board meeting.

The board met to approve the demolition firm that will tear down the Washington School building by May 1.

Royal Wrecking Firm will work with the board to proceed

with plans to demolish the vacant building on East First Street. It will cost the school district \$139,560, and the process will take 150 days to return the Washington School building to its natural state of dirt and grass.

However, the money being spent by the school district to demolish the old building will have no effect on the money being projected for the bond issue.

Maryville School District Superintendent Jay Reese said the school board will be working with the firm in developing a contract based on their bid specifications.

Right now, Reese said the

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Julian explains photography basics, divulges the truth about the ninja rumors, the fine foxes in Wells Hall and whether or not too much water can kill you. He will reveal all in this week's Ask Julian.



What happens when middle-aged men start their own fraternity? It's "Old School" check the Buzz Friday to get the lowdown on this week's new release.

Poll question:

Who do you think Joe Millionaire will pick this week?

33% - Zora

28.1% - Who's Joe Millionaire?

24% - Neither of them will pick him when they find out he's poor

14.6% - Sarah

This week's poll question:

What would you improve about Computing Services?

- Less firewall restrictions
- LAN speed
- Individual PC speed
- Less downtime



PHOTO BY JULIAN KUSSMAN/ONLINE EDITOR IN CHIEF
Greg Morales, Tau Kappa Epsilon member and Jason Anderson, Delta Chi member, help up Bryan VanOsdale, director of campus activities and Greek life, as he acts out a common scene involving the dangers of high-risk drinking and the consequences that follow. Members from each of Northwest's Greek organizations attended the program which encouraged responsibility with alcohol.

Greeks attend alcohol program

By GINNY FRANCIS
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

Leaders of Northwest's Greek community participated in an overnight program aimed at launching personal action plans to reduce high-risk drinking behaviors Friday and Saturday at Conception Abbey.

The Alcohol Summit program, sponsored by the North American Interfraternity Conference (NIC) and the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), encourages participants to actively change abusive behaviors involving alcohol by creating a detailed action plan.

The plan is the foundation for students to effectively confront alcohol.

Bryan VanOsdale, director of campus activities and Greek life, applied to host the summit after hearing about its impact at other universities.

"I think there is an issue with high-risk drinking among college students nationally," VanOsdale said. "I don't necessarily think that our community is at a high risk, but educating its effects are

always beneficial."

Northwest is one of 18 campuses selected to host the program since its launch in September 1999 out of sixty colleges and universities that applied.

According to Matt Holley, director of alcohol education initiatives for the NIC, the alcohol summit seeks a wide variety of universities to host its program.

"We looked for large state-supported institutions and small private colleges in order to test our program and message in very different environments," Holley said. "These student leaders took the initiative to proactively address the issues of high-risk drinking within their community."

Participants decided to accomplish three goals at the summit to affect both the Greek and campus community.

For the Greek community, a new member education program directed at alcohol responsibility was planned. The program will incorporate a developed curriculum to be attended by new members bimonthly.

Luke Gutterman, Alpha Kappa Lambda president, said educating new

members on alcohol abuse is the best way to solve the problem.

"We need to start de-emphasizing the glamour of alcohol to the new members because, for the most part, older members know their limits," he said.

A condensed version of fraternity and sorority chapter bylaws on risk management policies will be given to new and initiated members to sign every trimester. Their signatures will represent their understanding of alcohol policies and consequences.

Plans to fight alcohol abuse in the non-Greek campus community were also discussed.

A campus-wide Safe Ride program is in the process of being implemented to decrease incidents of drunk driving in Maryville.

VanOsdale said more research is needed to figure out the most effective way to start Safe Ride.

This fall is the target date for implementing both the new member education and the condensed version of chapter bylaws. However, VanOsdale said January would be a more realistic time frame in terms of implementation.

Discussion aims to improve interracial harmony on campus

By MICHELLE STACY
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

Northwest organizations held a student panel discussion Tuesday on race and inequality as part of Black Achievement Month.

The discussion was held in the Student Union living room and included students from various organizations and races.

The four-person panel included Hispanic American Leadership Organization (HALO) President Dan Ayala, Alliance of Black Collegians (ABC) Treasurer Kendra Moore, ABC member Milleshia McGlothen and Diversiteam member Allison Brown. Jesse Haynes, minority affairs coordinator, hosted the discussion.

The main topic was the lack of campus and community involvement in minority organizations and events.

Haynes said organizational events are a great way to learn about different cultures.

"People are going to have their opinions about anything you do being what race you are," Haynes said. "Because unless you invite that per-

son or that group into your activity or culture, they'll continue to have that attitude towards you."

Haynes said that Inter-Fraternity Council events are not only for multicultural organization but are also aimed at students and faculty.

"We put on these dinners and festivals and things because we want to celebrate," Haynes said. "We want to invite you in to celebrate with us."

The panel also discussed topics from minorities who feel uncomfortable in classrooms to the ways cultures are viewed.

Jeff Foot, international affairs coordinator, said people should try to get to know what others value and learn to respect them.

"Each country, each culture, each person in this room has different sets of values, and it's learning to respect that people hold different sets of values and respect those values as their own," Foot said.

Foot also said just because a person's culture is different does not make it less important.

"Where racial harmony is at its height is when people from different cultures can look at other cultures and



PHOTO BY ALLY ZAROOR/MISSOURIAN PHOTOGRAPHER
Carol Cowles, assistant vice president of student affairs, and Burne'a Cothrine, president of the Alliance of Black Collegians, discuss issues regarding race and inequality at a student panel Tuesday. The forum on campus culture was held in honor of Black Achievement Month.

place equal values on those cultures as they place on their own," he said.

McGlothen said people who have not made an effort to talk to people from another culture should do so.

"People fear what they don't know about," McGlothen said. "I'm encouraging people to go out there and explore different cultures outside

than your group you stay around."

Haynes said the panel discussion gave organizations a great chance to speak out to students and other organizations about topics.

"They can put their heart into it and show their sincerity they have in their voice about these issues," Haynes said.

Alumni donate welcome center to new stadium

By PETE GUTSCHENRITTER
UNIVERSITY NEWS EDITOR

Thanks to Bill and Jessica Loch, the newly renovated Rickenbrode Stadium will have a family touch when it opens in September.

On the west side of the stadium, grand fans take the elevator to the upper grandstand seats and the private suites, they will find the Loch-O'Rourke Family Welcome Lobby.

The west side will have one outdoor entrance and one indoor entrance on the west side of the stadium. The Loch-O'Rourke Family Lobby will feature Northwest memorabilia and artifacts.

Bill and Jessica, both Northwest alumni, signed the papers last week before they surprised their respective parents.

"We just told our parents last week," Jessica Loch said. "They're really excited. My mom cried when I told her about it."

The phone call to her parents, Clem and Laurel O'Rourke of Mason City, Iowa, was a birthday present to her dad.

"We had no idea," Laurel O'Rourke said. "Our whole family is very touched. My husband has a shirt that says, 'I'm a Northwest Father,' and 'I'm a Northwest

Grandfather."

Jessica Loch said they wanted to give back to the community.

"We decided the University was a good place for our money," she said. "We use (the University) every day in some way or another."

Bill served on the renovation committee for two years.

Athletic director Bob Boerigter said the welcome lobby will be a nice touch.

"We're extremely pleased that these folks have made this generous gift and are part of the stadium project," Boerigter said. "The welcome lobby will bear that name, and we think it will be a very nice area that will allow us to welcome people in an appropriate way to the stadium when they come."

Bill is the co-owner and vice president of Loch Sand and Construction Company while Jessica is a stay-at-home mother.

Jessica said they are happy to give their money to such a good cause.

"The whole thing about things like this is you have to feel about what you're doing, and we do," Jessica said. "It will be fun. My parents paid tuition for many years, so it will be exciting to see our names on the lobby."

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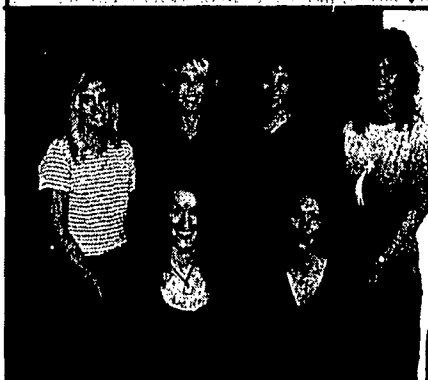
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Girl looks for donor, support from town

By MARY BOSSUNG
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

Seven-year-old Cheyenne Ackman is a typical second-grader, except she cannot withstand the same bumps and bruises as recess her classmates can.

The Ackman family noticed last August that she began having frequent bloody noses and increased bruising.

"She started out having a few bloody noses every now and then, and then she began to have them about every night," said Heather Ackman, Cheyenne's mother.

Cheyenne went to a local physician who sent the family to a specialist. At that time, she was diagnosed with Idiopathic Thrombocytopenia Purpura or ITP, a blood disorder characterized by an abnormal decrease in the number of platelets, cells that help blood to clot.

She spent about one week in the hospital receiving chemical therapy treatments and a bone marrow biopsy.

The Ackmans decided to remove their daughter from Horace Mann School in October because her white blood cell count was extremely low, which meant her body had trouble fighting infections. "She could have caught anything," Heather said.

By November, Cheyenne's body had stopped producing white and red blood cells and platelets.

On Dec. 2, physicians told the Ackmans Cheyenne had been misdiagnosed and actually suffered from aplastic anemia which results from the failure of the bone marrow to produce blood cells.

Currently, Cheyenne is living a re-

stricted life and is confined to her home.

"She can't be a normal little girl," Heather said. "She loves baseball and is disappointed that she will not be able to participate this summer. She had to grow up pretty quickly."

Cheyenne receives daily shots along with oral medication and weekly platelet and monthly red blood cell infusions. The medications and transfusions are in preparation for a yet-to-be-scheduled bone marrow transplant, the only cure for her disease.

The Ackmans have been in contact with doctors from the Seattle Cancer Care Alliance where the bone marrow transplant will take place.

The cost for finding bone marrow donors that match Cheyenne's starts at \$20,000. The Ackmans found out their insurance company is providing \$70,000, enabling them to find and test more matches. The process is expected to take about two months.

Even though a bone marrow transplant will cure Cheyenne, there is a 20 percent chance her body will reject the tissue causing an infection. Cheyenne will need to stay in the hospital for 30 days after her transplant and then live with her parents in Seattle for one year.

The cost of the transplant will be between \$500,000 and \$1 million. The family also faces anywhere from \$2,000 to \$3,000 of monthly living expenses in Seattle.

The situation has not gone unnoticed by the community. Becca Stone, a friend of the Ackmans has been collecting donations for the family. Stone, along with six other community members, is planning a benefit auction from 11 a.m.



Cheyenne Ackman plays with her 5-month-old brother Gabriel at her home in Maryville. She suffers from aplastic anemia, a disease that restricts her from living a normal life.

to 4 p.m. March 2 at the Maryville Legion Hall.

"I look at my own kids, and I thank God that they are healthy. (Cheyenne) is only 7 years old, and you never know (what is going to happen)," she said.

Students on the Northwest campus have also donated money. On Feb. 10, members of the Tau Kappa Epsilon fraternity collected around \$850 by going door to door in the residence halls.

The Ackmans began the Angel Face Foundation for their daughter and have

opened an account, at Citizen's Bank and Trust for the donations they have received.

Hardee's Restaurant is holding a fundraiser from 4 to 8 p.m. Friday to raise money for Cheyenne. Twenty percent of all sales will go to the Angel Face Foundation.

If you would like to make a donation to support Cheyenne, contact Citizen's Bank and Trust at 582-7454, Becca Stone at 582-5989 or Emily Groumoutis at 582-7654.

Student helps Chamber, receives award for work

By ALEXI GROUMOUTIS
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

An unlikely candidate is being recognized for bringing art to the Maryville community.

The Maryville Chamber of Commerce awarded Northwest senior art major Jeremy Melton the Spearhead Award on Jan. 27 for outstanding service to the Chamber of Commerce.

The Spearhead Award, which is normally awarded to local business owners, came as a shock to Melton.

"It was an unexpected, pleasant surprise," Melton said. "It's not very common that a student would be given this award. It was nice someone a little lower on the Chamber member scale was recognized for their efforts."

Melton and Kathy Rice, owner of Movie Magic, are co-chairs of the Maryville Festival of the Arts, the event that helped Melton gain recognition.

Rice, who also received the Spearhead Award, dreamed up the idea of pairing the annual sidewalk sale with an art festival to showcase local talent. She thought Melton, who also works at Movie Magic, would be an ideal teammate because they offered different strengths toward the project.

"Basically, I've always tried to hire someone with an art background to work at my store," Rice said. "We got to talking about putting artists on the sidewalk for the sidewalk sale."

During 2002, Rice and Melton began with forty artists at the sidewalk sale. This year they hope to include 80 artists.

"We are trying to bring a level of fine arts in Maryville to showcase musicians, painters, sculptors and photographers to

give them an opportunity to showcase their work," Melton said.

Melton said the art festival helps the local economy by bringing in people to shop and brings diversity into the Maryville community.

"I think it gives citizens a chance to be exposed to things they normally wouldn't be exposed to," Melton said.

Former Chamber President Joyce Cronin, was responsible for selecting the recipients of the Spearhead Award.

"Jeremy and Kathy spearheaded this whole art festival we had," Cronin said. "If it wouldn't have been for those two, it never would have happened."

Cronin was pleased that a college student was able to contribute so much to the Maryville community.

"I'd be surprised if another college student has given so much to the Chamber of Commerce," Cronin said. "It's awesome to find someone with a passion, and for him to be able to tie that passion into the community is art," Cronin said.

With Melton graduating in the spring, he said this is his last planned year on the co-chair committee, but he hopes to return to Maryville and participate as an artist in the festival next year.

Rice is grateful Melton helped craft her dream into a reality.

"He's going to be a hard act to follow," Rice said. "Jeremy is a wonderful person and a wonderful artist. His work and dedication to making this festival a reality was 110 percent. There's no way we could have got this off the ground without him."

The Maryville Festival of the Arts will be held July 26 at the Courthouse Square.

Residents become aware of high number of statewide injuries

By ASHLEY RICKERSON
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

Thanks to a new book put out by the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services, Maryville residents are taking precautions to avoid becoming another statistic.

Injuries that result from car crashes and other accidents are the basis for a new book being put out by the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services titled "Missouri Injuries: A Call to

Action."

This book lists injuries from every county in Missouri.

"On average, there are about 300 to 350 injuries per year [in Maryville]," Lt. Ron Christian of Public Safety said.

Christian said most of these injuries occur from driving and misuse of the seat belt.

"Maryville averages more than a crash a day," Richard Dunn, director of Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services said.

Dunn said he supports the book because it provides actions community

leaders, policy makers and individuals can take to prevent these injuries.

"We hope this report will inform the public of the programs already in place to prevent injuries," Dunn said.

Pat Giffins of St. Francis Hospital said that it isn't obvious to her that Missouri has a high number of injuries, but she advises people to wear their seat belts, not to drink and drive and to drive the speeds suitable for the weather conditions.

"We are located in a small metropolitan area," said Pat Giffins

of St. Francis Hospital. "I just make sure the staff is ready 24-seven," Giffins said.

Other precautions found in the book include installing fire alarms, wearing bicycle helmets and child-proofing home environments.

A copy of the book can be found on the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services website: www.dhss.state.mo.us or by calling the Office of Planing Evaluation and Injury Prevention (573)-751-8506.

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Bobby supports cause



PHOTO BY JENNY LEWIS/MISSOURIAN PHOTOGRAPHER
Bobby Bearcat joins in Wednesday at the Nodaway County Senior Center for an all-you-can-eat spaghetti dinner. The dinner was used to earn money for juvenile diabetes.

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Remembering what has value

In light of the nation's elevated security status, the value of human life musn't be forgotten

As the nation processes the recent change in security level from elevated to high, many Americans are frantically putting together survival kits to better their chances in the event of a terrorist attack, be it biological, nuclear or chemical. The U.S. Department of Homeland Security is urging citizens to have three days' worth of water and food, an emergency supply kit for the home and for the car, radios with extra batteries and plastic sheeting and duct tape to seal windows and doors. In addition, a plan to get in touch with family is also recommended.

While preparedness is never a bad thing, it seems that many Americans are missing the point.

Americans, living in a capitalist society, have a tendency to put a greater emphasis on material possessions rather than emotional possessions. When the security level was raised, Americans rushed to put together these survival kits full of trinkets that would help them live to see another day. At the online survival kit retailer www.oneyouprepared.com, gas masks, gas mask filter canisters and evacuation body suits are sold out.

There has been some encouragement to create a plan to contact family members in the event that there is an attack, but there has been no emphasis on contacting family members now, before something happens.

In the time after Sept. 11, 2001, Americans seemed to have learned their lesson. Families were closer for a period of time. Attendance grew at places of worship. America actually slowed down to look inside its own borders for a while.

Now it seems that either we have found the conditions inside our country to be unbearable, or we have grown bored, and we are once again looking outward to change everything that is wrong with other countries. Perhaps it is simply easier for us to deal with the possibility of losing material possessions than someone close to us.

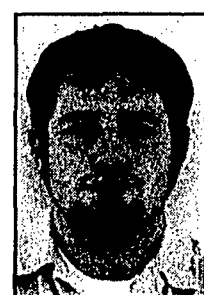
Take a look at the greeting card industry. Sales spiked shortly after Sept. 11 in response to an increased desire among Americans to reconnect with family and friends. While sales have remained slightly above where they were pre-Sept. 11, levels are now significantly less than they were right afterward.

In light of Sept. 11, it is important to take a look at what we, as a country, have learned. The Bush administration keeps telling us not to live in fear, to go through life normally but just a bit more aware of our surroundings. While this is good advice, is it not perhaps more important to the emotional well-being of the country to focus on what really matters in the long run?

We at *The Missourian* encourage Northwest students, faculty, staff and alumni to continue to be aware of our surroundings, but not to ignore those people we hold close. As we discovered less than two years ago, our most valuable possessions are our family, friends and fellow citizens. Let us not forget that when the twin towers fell, we mourned for the people who fell with them, not the bricks that surrounded them.



The Fire this Time



JED MURR
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Americans lack credible media during wartime

In this column space, I often cite the inadequacies and outright failures of our mainstream media outlets. So naturally, people often ask me where they can find different sources of credible information. The need to seek those other sources has never been greater.

This weekend, we witnessed the latest and most impressive showing of a worldwide peace movement—a showing that might have been the best representation in history of global democratic action boasting perhaps 30 million people, yet our laughable news networks treated it as a sub-story to buying duct tape in case of a terrorist attack. CNN was even shameful enough to title their coverage, "Saddam gloats over worldwide antiwar protests," despite the fact that the protests were condemnations of the Bush administration's insane war on the Iraqi people,

not actions to support a brutal dictator like Hussein.

The problem with that kind of journalistic malpractice is that most Americans simply don't know that they should look beyond the 24-hour news networks for their information. After all, we seem to have some variety with at least four networks running news at all hours. Unfortunately, those channels and the very few other major news sources that Americans use carry the narrowest range of political debate in the western world.

The issue is not objectivity. There is no such thing as an "objective" news organization—even the most basic reporting necessarily involves constant, subjective interpretation, speculation and selection of facts. The issue is not collusion either. FOX, CNN, NBC and others don't get together in some dark room and plan to present only certain kinds of information. There's no conspiracy to deprive viewers of meaningful information.

The problem is that our most prominent news sources are content to offer very limited views of the world and our own country—and it just so happens that they generally offer the same views. A major reason for that is ownership. Nearly all the news sources used by Americans are owned by a handful of the richest corporations in the world. NBC, for instance, is wholly owned and operated by General Electric, a corporation that gets billions to make weapons for the Pentagon. FOX, of course, is owned by media mogul Rupert Murdoch, a reactionary who is openly in favor of Bush's war—which may have something to do with his 175 editors all over the globe jumping in line to back the war.

As media watch groups like Fairness and Accuracy in Reporting (www.fair.org) demonstrate in detail on a daily basis, the networks and most of their print counterparts conveniently censor or scantily cover vital stories (like antiwar ads that were to run during the State of the Union address) and are often grossly biased in even their most basic reporting (as in their failure to spend sufficient time on the many refutations that surfaced immediately after Colin Powell's U.N. speech, from the false al Qaeda links to the ad-

mittedly plagiarized—from old graduate student papers—dossier to the dreaded "chemical weapons facility" visited by journalists and found to be a remote outpost of an anti-Hussein Islamist group).

Fortunately, there are many readily available news sources that offer a more balanced, diverse picture of the world than the pathetically narrow one put forth by most of the big networks, print sources and the swarms of reactionaries that control the airwaves. Major British news sources like *The Guardian* UK (www.guardian.co.uk) and even the BBC (www.bbc.co.uk) make CNN, NBC and FOX appear hopelessly fatuous.

In the United States, news centers like Common Dreams (www.common-dreams.org) compile people-centered stories from major news organizations across the globe—from the *Los Angeles Times* to *The Times of India*. Even some old hands like *The Boston Globe*, *The Baltimore Sun* and *The Chicago Tribune* often present at least a modest range of opinion that seems truly remarkable in comparison to many of their New York and Washington counterparts.

A central tenet of a viable democracy is access to information. Right now, the American people have the illusion of access. Most people think that flipping to one of the sensationalized major networks for 30 minutes every night will keep them adequately informed—which would be hilarious if the ramifications weren't so serious. The amazing thing is that, despite the deafening roar of pro-war propaganda pouring out of so much of our media, people are still breaking out of their usual complacency. The seas of people pouring through cities and towns all over the globe this weekend indicate a much larger discontent with the state of world affairs.

The people questioning the war on Iraq, and indeed, the majority of Americans (who are concerned about civilian and U.S. casualties in the war) need to be more aware for long-term reasons: we have serious problems facing our democracy and our world, and the only way we can deal with them is to learn about them and become actively involved in addressing them. That is our right and our responsibility.

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Your View

In the event of a nuclear attack, what would you put in your survival bag?



"I would want a photo album. Friends and family are very important."
Justin Babbitt
GEOGRAPHY



"Beer. Tastes good, less filling."
Colin McCreedy
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"It doesn't matter. I'll be dead anyway."
Rachel Johns
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"I would put nothing in my bag. North Korea can't hit us in the Midwest with a missile."
Mike Chappelow
ART

Have something to say?

Dial 562-1980

"I'm really sick of the hierarchy in Student Senate, especially of Kara Karszen, Student Body President. Since when do appeasement and student advocacy issues go hand in hand? I don't get it. I guess when you're having the University pay for your room and board just because of who you are, that differentiates your decision. So when does 'don't bite the hand that feeds you' apply to student advocacy?"

"So what kind of sick freak is this Stroller guy, wanting to have sex with his cousin or something? Was he raised in the backwoods of Nodaway County, or is this some kind of weird stereotype that he thinks that all of us Midwesterners have? I just think that is absolutely disgusting."



"Saturday afternoon, I fell on my ass twice while traveling across campus, once while going down a flight of stairs, just like the scene straight out of 'Home Alone.' Thank you, Campus Safety, for making our sidewalks and streets safe. Excuse me while I go ice my tailbone."

"I think someone needs to give a message to the people who are booking our concerts: That they need to stop giving us outdated rappers. It's not that funny."

Letter to the Editor

While war may not be the right answer, sometimes it is the only answer

This weekend in Amsterdam, I had the privilege to see several thousand people protest against the war with Iraq. I felt horribly out of place, ashamed and frightened. People dressed like the Grim Reaper and walked on stilts, news choppers swirled overhead, and signs proclaimed, "Texas is EVIL." It took me a long time to sort out my feelings on the matter, and the conclusion did not come to me until I looked up the protest on CNN.com.

It's obvious that the world is against this war, but I think the important issue should be that Americans do not want this war. Granted, I think that we should act in the world's best interest, but acting as though France or Germany's objection to our

war is the final say is lunacy. They do not want to get involved and prefer pacifism to any other recourse. Pacifism usually is the best answer, but sometimes we need to get involved because other countries, especially Eu-

ropean nations, do not want to. Why can't Western Europe help feed the starving countries in Africa? Why won't Russia get involved with North Korea, and why won't China get involved with Pakistan and India all in the name of peace? They're certainly closer and should be more apt to help.

The real answer is that it's easier for them to let us get involved and be

our allies when things work out and criticize us when it doesn't. They talk liberal and act conservative. Five minutes before the protest, I was in the Anne Frank home, and I saw what apathy, appeasement and ignorance can do. It can kill as easily as a bomb, bullet or the absence of food.

Do I think we should fight this war? No, I do not, but only because Americans believe it is not the right thing to do. What happens when we want to help, and what makes a French opinion so much more important than a Somali's empty stomach? Western Europe asks us to ignore

every country in the world but heed their needs and wants. Yes, I do think we need to police the world, but through education, food and the sharing of wealth. We need to fight poverty, hunger and genocide because the Western world has the resources to do it. We cannot subscribe to being reactive or proactive as the template for the right thing to do as Western Europe has with pacifism. We need to lift up the world because no one else will, and it's the right thing to do. Will it make people stop protesting? Probably not, but I think it will fill the next American who has to stand in front of a demonstration against his country full of pride, not shame.

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INTERNET from 1A

Tunneling applications cause campus Internet problems

is that our connection with the Internet is unstable."

Some of the problems are coming from usage of software designed to share music and files while competing with web applications on the Internet such as Kazaa and Morphous, Rickman said.

What can be done?

Merlin Miller, manager of client services and electronic campus services, said the program AdAware 6 Standard Edition, which is available online, is valuable for students to detect certain programs on their computers.

The program, which is free to download, will search the computer and give students the option to ignore or remove the spyware found.

Rickman has also seen problems spawning from tunneling software that is available through remote Web sites, instant messaging systems that compete with other Internet applications, using routers or wireless equipment that controls access to the network and installing game boxes to play with friends in other rooms.

Rickman said the process has been a team effort with his staff and other groups of faculty from the department.

The staff has been in communication with committees, and there is also an automated network that tells them when a component is not corresponding, Rickman said.

"It has worked very well, but what takes the time is usually to find the source of internal noise to get it stopped so we can get the network started,"

Games, firewall prove to be part of problem

While policies are being refined to improve network stability, Rickman said many students have a skewed idea

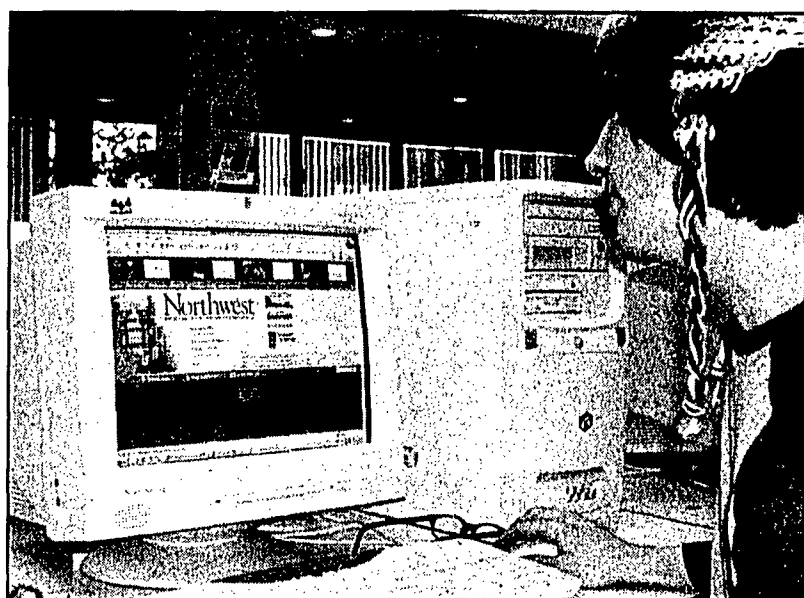


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The Department of Information Services is working on problems that are causing interference with Internet speed. Joel Potter, student, works on a computer in the library.

of the problem.

"At home, you're most likely to be communicating at 30,000 or 40,000 bytes per second," Rickman said. "Here on campus, you can communicate at 10 million bytes per second on your line. That's 250 times the effect on our network than they can have on a line from their home."

That means a game or program that works on a student's network at home may not be able to function correctly on the Northwest server.

Cemantics, University vendor, will also play a role in the second step to improve the network.

Rickman said the firewall system at Northwest is more lenient than other schools in the state.

"We do know a couple of sister institutions that are looking at considerable financial commitments to more powerful firewalls than they

currently have," Rickman said. "We're not considering policies as strict as some of the others we have seen at other universities. I think these new policies will be in the middle of the road with what other universities are looking at."

Surrounding universities differ from Northwest

Central Missouri State University is one of those institutions that will get a stronger firewall. Russel Helm, university director of information services at CMSU, said it should be installed shortly.

"We have an older (firewall) in place, but we're getting a stronger firewall," Helm said. "We're bringing it up to the Board of Governor's cabinet but it should get passed."

The university has internal funds for the new firewall, which is the reason why the proposition will be

passed, Helm said.

Helm said CMSU and Northwest are comparable, while he also said his network has been doing well.

"I think we're very similar to (Northwest)," Helm said. "We do use an active top-layer model, and since we implemented that with MOREnet, we haven't had any problems."

Southwest Missouri State University has more capabilities than both CMSU and Northwest combined.

Mark Harsen, coordinator of network services, said SMSU is in a different situation than Northwest.

"We haven't had any trouble with the line," Harsen said. "We're in a unique situation because we have the nod in southwest Missouri, and (Northwest) has a third party that is bringing in another connection."

Missouri has five nodes, which are the connections that transport the network feeds from one city to another. Springfield, St. Louis, Kansas City, Mo., Columbia and Jefferson City all have their own nodes.

Library to adapt to changes

Reconfiguring a library document exchange system that deals with the firewall is another step Northwest is taking to improve the overall connection. In the past, the library document exchange was using the same ports as the firewall. With the new address, they will not have to compete with each other.

Financially, the steps that have and will be taken are all funded by the technology fees that all students must pay, Rickman said.

Rickman and his staff will present the new policies to Student Senate at 7 p.m. Feb. 25 in the Boardroom on the third floor of the Student Union.

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STATE from 1A

Lager: 'Sept. 11 changed the type of war we are in'

and Secretary of State Colin Powell have been pressuring European countries to join the United States and Britain to fend off Hussein.

"If we don't feel safe, it's hard to progress," Lager said. "Sept. 11 truly changed the type of war we are in. It's been a long time since we've had blood shed on American soil."

Lester Keith, Nodaway County commissioner, said the American people do not have the knowledge they need to form an opinion.

"We are not privileged to the information the leaders have," Keith said. "We don't know the circumstances. Based on what is given to us, the leaders are doing what they were elected to do."

Although there has been a high level of alert throughout the country, Keith said a line needs to be drawn.

"I think the (advice) about buying duct tape (in preparation for a possible terror attack) is getting a little ridiculous," he said.

Ed Wildberger, 27th district representative, said the government needs to take

care of one war at a time.

"I think we have to separate the terror," Wildberger said. "I believe the war against al Qaeda is a right and just war."

While the United States appears to have the upper hand in the possible war with Iraq, Wildberger said the country needs to take care of itself.

"I don't believe we should be the world's police force," Wildberger said. "It's not our position to overthrow Saddam Hussein unless he is making weapons of mass destruction."

While the feelings on Hussein may be split down the middle, Thompson said he should not be taken lightly.

"I think Saddam Hussein is a vicious bully," Thompson said. "I would like to see a European coalition with us before we use force."

Overall, Wildberger said everyone has to be prepared for the worst case scenario.

"I think it's everyone's responsibility to prepare for terrorism," Wildberger said. "Whether you live in Maryville, Kansas City or Washington, D.C., every family needs a disaster kit."

CAMPUS from 1A

Differing views are expressed on Iraq

"I think we are looking at the wrong danger right now," Frucht said. "There is no question that Iraq is a danger, but Iraq is third or fourth on the list. al Qaeda is No. 1 and North Korea is No. 2. North Korea is certainly a more immediate threat. Right now, they are processing nuclear fissionable material, and they will sell it to terrorists."

The lack of support from allies like France and Germany also worries those against the possible war.

"We need those countries," Michael Steiner, assistant professor of history, said. "If we separate ourselves from Europe now, it puts future issues that we can't even fore-

see right now at risk."

However, others do not fully agree with this viewpoint.

"Just because everyone does not agree with us doesn't mean what we are doing is wrong," Brandon Schoen said. "We have the support of England and some other countries. We have the best military in the world, and although it would be nice to have the help of Germany and France and other countries, it isn't absolutely necessary."

If war is on the horizon, experts warn that Americans could face a terror attack.

The change in yellow (elevated) to orange (high) last week evidenced this fact.

REGENTS from 1A

Board agrees on housing plan

to not be passive about it," he said.

Another area where the Board of Regents was not passive was the appointment of a contractor to phase one of the Residence Hall Master Plan.

MW Building Co. of Overland Park, Kan., submitted a bid of \$14.26 million dollars to win the rights to construct phase one. Building will begin in early-to-mid March, said Ray Courter, vice president of Finance.

Phase one includes the building of three three-story apartment complexes, a one-story community building and two V-shaped three-story suite buildings.

Courter was surprised by the bid but said a little research on his part would have shown that the bid was

right where Northwest should have projected it.

"Years ago, there used to be a company on campus that helped manage our projects...they do a lot of their own work now in Iowa and Minnesota on college campuses and school district remodeling," he said. "They were telling me that they are now seeing bids up to 15 percent below estimate. We just didn't expect that."

The bid was \$2.9 million under University estimates and that money will be used to make improvements to Hudson and Perrin residence halls and North Complex.

Those changes include miscellaneous tasks such as changing the style of windows in Hudson and Perrin to the type of windows now used in South Complex.

BUDGET from 1A

Securitization passes house

education, Northwest would be cut \$675,000 a substantial decrease compared to the 10 percent cut of \$2.9 million the University faced only weeks ago.

"This was great news," said Tom Vansaghi, vice president of University relations. "Northwest is being treated like any other institution, and (the cuts) will hurt, but not as much."

According to Holden's administration, Missouri has a budget deficiency of \$350 million for the current business year that ends June 31.

Holden warned lawmakers Jan. 28 in Jefferson City that public education would face cuts of \$360 million if the General Assembly voted against the selling of bonds for the tobacco securitization plan.

The securitization plan was en-

acted in 1988 after tobacco companies faced a significant lawsuit endorsed nationwide. Since the lawsuit, states are given money. However, legislators can vote to take the yearly loan early, which Holden requested of the House last week.

Ray Courter, vice president of Finance said the University will be able to withstand the smaller cuts because the University has more than \$2 million set aside in their current reserves. The leftover reserves would be used to restore what was lost last year.

"It's a much smaller number which is already built into our budget reserves," he said. "I really do think this is good because there is compromise going on between the House, Senate and the governor's office."

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Between the Rock and a hard place

Alcatraz island houses much American history

By MONICA CALDWELL
FEATURES EDITOR

The fort on Alcatraz Island off the coast of San Francisco has seen its share of hardened criminals. Blood has soaked its ground, and bullets have riddled its walls. And although it has been closed for nearly 40 years, the building that began as a military fortress and ended as a last resort for dangerous inmates still attracts more than 1 million tourists every year.

In 1847, 72 years after the island's discovery, the U.S. Army began surveying the land, and by 1853, construction of a military stronghold was underway. Weaponry included four 36,000-pound Rodman guns, and a total of 111 cannons eventually defended the bay.

The base was built to guard against foreign attack, but it played its most important role in stopping Confederate raids during the Civil War. It began housing prisoners around 1860, and in 1907, after enemy ships had made Alcatraz defenses obsolete, the fort officially became a military prison.

Although very different, the Jefferson City Correctional Center, formerly known as the Missouri State Penitentiary, is also recognized nationally. It was authorized by the General Assembly in 1832 and took its first prisoner in 1836.

The JCCC is the oldest consistently operating facility west of the Mississippi River, and is registered on the Historic Register of Buildings.

While the Jefferson City Correctional Center was running full time, the prison at Alcatraz was just getting underway.

At Alcatraz, a three-story cell house was in place by 1912 and was full 15 years later. Prisoners were separated into three classes of privilege, and rule violators faced severe consequences such as solitary lock down and wear-

ing a 12-pound ball and ankle chain. A strict code of silence was enforced except during meals and recreation. Cells were used only for sleeping, and many inmates worked for island families as servants.

Eventually, security became more lax, and in the late 1920s, prisoners built a baseball field and participated in Friday night boxing matches which were occasionally attended by mainland residents.

However, growing operational costs coaxed the military into closing the prison in 1934 and transferring ownership to the Department of Justice. Because the Great Depression was in full swing and organized crime had begun to sweep the country, Alcatraz became the ideal solution for a detention center.

Renovations led by prison warden James A. Johnston attempted to ensure no inmates could escape by upgrading bars on doors and windows and cementing shut utility tunnels. Tear gas containers were installed in the ceiling of the dining hall, and no cells touched perimeter walls.

In addition, prisoners were not allowed visitors for the first three months of incarceration, and after that, only one per month was permitted. There was restricted access to the prison library, and incoming and outgoing letters had to be screened by prison officials.

There were 378 cells in Alcatraz, 36 of them segregation cells, meant for only one inmate, and six of them isolation cells. On average, there were 260 occupants during the 29 years the facility was in operation. Although there were no executions performed on the island, inmates murdered eight people, five prisoners committed suicide, and 15 more died

of natural causes.

Alcatraz was again the victim of growing operational costs in the 1960s, and upgrading facilities would require almost as much funding as constructing a new prison. In addition, the gangster era during which Alcatraz had been built had faded, and the Bureau of Prisons was becoming concerned with the absence of a rehabilitation program on the island.

On March 21, 1963, the last 27 inmates were removed from Alcatraz, and the infamous penitentiary was closed.

American Indians claimed the island from 1969-1971, negotiating with the government for the deed to the land. In an attempt to encourage them to leave, electricity to the island was shut off, and the water barge ceased delivery.

During the three-year occupation, support for the tribes declined until the government changed their no-interference policy to one of immediate discharge. Several American Indians were removed from the island on June 10, 1971, thus ending the occupation and causing the government to end their official policy of tribe termination.

Alcatraz Island was included as part of the Golden Gate National Recreation Area and opened to the public in 1973. Today Alcatraz remains one of San Francisco's most popular attractions.

"The only similarity we have (to Alcatraz) is a prison in Jeff City that is older and has almost as much notoriety," said John Fougere, spokesperson for the Missouri Department of Corrections.

Surviving inmates of the Rock wonder what curiosity there is in a place that was to them nothing but confinement.

Escape attempts end in vain for all prisoners

By MONICA CALDWELL
FEATURES EDITOR

Part of the mystique surrounding Alcatraz penitentiary is its nearly impossible escapability. Of the 36 inmates who attempted 14 different getaways, none definitively achieved freedom.

Because the prison is located on an island one and a quarter miles from San Francisco Bay, the few who managed to make it offshore drowned or were recaptured, although five are still missing.

May 2-4, 1946, marks the most renowned escape attempt in the Rock's history and has come to be known as The Battle of Alcatraz.

Bernard Paul Coy and his five cohorts overtook a gun gallery patrolled by Bert Burch, held nine guards hostage and opened fire when they were unable to find the recreation yard key.

Coy had been watching Burch for days," said Warden James Johnston. "He knew just how long it took for Burch to make his rounds of the gun gallery in D block."

The battle lasted two days and ended with the discovery of the bodies of Coy and two of his accomplices.

Three more stood trial; two were executed, and the third received another life sentence. In the end, 18 officers were injured and two were killed.

However, the most famous escape attempt was made on June 11, 1962. Frank Lee Morris and brothers John and Clarence Anglin had spent seven months planning the escape, constructing dummies, water rafts and life preservers and digging their way through the prison walls.

After lights-out that evening, the three men climbed up the plumbing, traversed the rooftop and reached the ground via 50 feet of piping.

No one saw them again. The FBI spent several years investigating, but to date, little evidence, none of it definite, has surfaced to determine whether the men drowned or escaped.

The Rock was also home to mobster Al Capone as well as the infamous Birdman of Alcatraz, Robert Stroud, who spent his 17 years in the prison in isolation.

Stroud's fame came not at Alcatraz but in Leavenworth Federal Prison, where he

had served time for murder and was often caught with contraband.

In 1920, President Woodrow Wilson decreased Stroud's death sentence for stabbing a guard in 1916 to life without parole.

After finding an injured sparrow in the recreation yard, Stroud was allowed to maintain a lab in adjoining cells. Eventually his studies became too much for the prison to bear, and officers found an alcohol brewing still and a knife, both fashioned from research materials Stroud had collected. Leavenworth petitioned for his transfer to a prison where Stroud could be supervised more closely, and he was moved to Alcatraz in 1942.

Other famous inmates include George "Machine Gun" Kelly, Doc Barker and Floyd Hamilton, a gang member and driver for Bonnie and Clyde.

Comparatively, the Jefferson City Correctional Center in Jefferson City, Mo., housed criminals such as boxer Sonny Liston, Charles "Pretty Boy" Floyd and Martin Luther King assassin James Earl Ray, who successfully escaped on April 23, 1967.

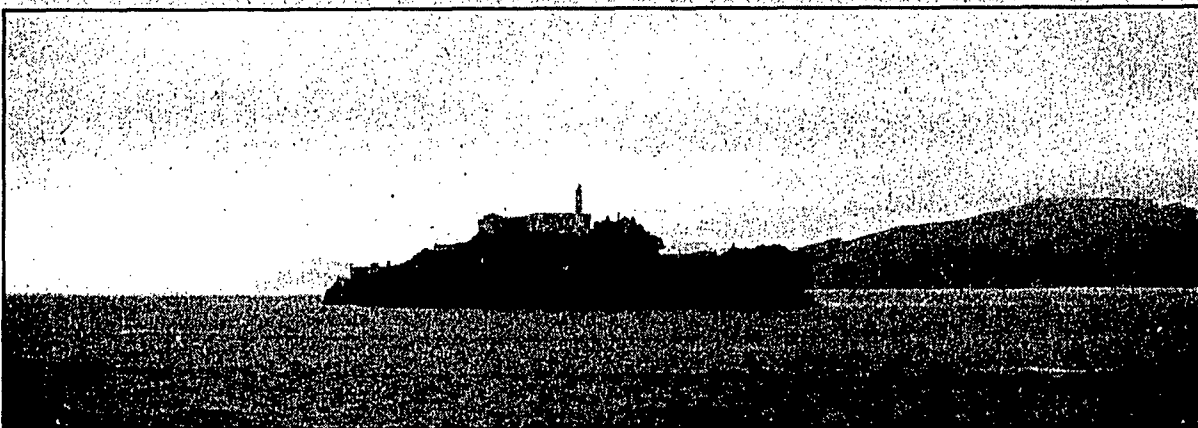


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Alcatraz prison stands as a historical landmark off the California shore. Around 1545 men were imprisoned there during its operation.



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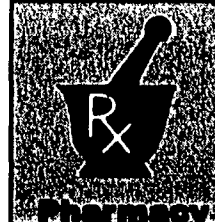
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Only five matches
separate 'Hounds
from state goldBy COLE YOUNG
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

When the Maryville high school wrestling team began practicing in late October, all of the wrestlers had one goal in mind: to qualify for the state tournament.

For five Spoofhound wrestlers, their goal has become a reality. Seniors Derek Merrill and Evan Durfey, junior Joseph Drake, sophomore Skyler VanDiver and freshman Cody Gillenwater all qualified after placing in the top four in their respective brackets last Saturday in the sectional tournament.

Cody Gillenwater

Wrestling in Northwest Missouri doesn't always offer much variety. Cody Gillenwater knows all about that first hand.

After facing Maysville senior Chris Smith twice in the Plattsburg tournament, Gillenwater was 0-2. In the district tournament, Gillenwater got his revenge. Wrestling for first place, Gillenwater was able to get a victory just as time expired in the match. The sectional tournament wasn't any different, as Gillenwater needed overtime to come away with the win.

"We have kind of turned into rivals," Gillenwater said. "When the match is over though, we talk

to each other and congratulate each other."

What the state tournament holds for each of the wrestlers is unknown. With the way the bracket is set up, an early round matchup is impossible, but a matchup in the later rounds may not be out of the question.

For Gillenwater, not only the chance to face Smith excites him, but also the chance to do well at state all four years of his high school career.

"This year I think I can place in the top three, so maybe all four years I can place in the top three."

Derek Merrill

No matter how big any of Merrill's 109 wins are up to now, none would top a victory in the title match Saturday night. For Merrill to do this though, he is going to have to face the three-time defending state champion in the semifinals.

Keith Dickey of Oak Grove not only brings three state titles to the state tournament this year, but brings a spotless record of 36-0.

"Derek knows that to win state he has to get through the champion," Drake said.

Each team has one wrestler on their team everyone believes has the skills to be a state champion, and for the 'Hounds, Merrill is the man for the job.

"If I could make it to the finals," Merrill said, "it would just be icing on the cake."

Joseph Drake

It can be tough for some wrestlers to face their coach when they have done something wrong on the mat, but for Joseph Drake, he



Sophomore Skyler VanDiver (bottom left), freshman Cody Gillenwater, senior Evan Durfey (middle left), junior Joe Drake and senior Derek Merrill (standing)

also gets to face his head coach when he breaks curfew or can't get out of bed in time for school.

"We try to keep it to a coach-athlete relationship at practice and a father-son relationship at home," the elder Drake said. "To say that wrestling doesn't come up when

we are watching film or something like that at home would be a lie."

According to the younger Drake, the mood on the trip home directly relates to how well the match goes.

"We either are really talkative, or we don't say much," he said.

For Joseph, he has known no other way than having his father as his coach since his days in the youth wrestling program.

"As long as I've been wrestling, he's been my coach," Drake said. "Wrestling is in our family's blood though."

Skyler VanDiver

Just like every team that has a wrestler with a shot at the championship, each team has a wrestler that seems just a bit crazy when they come on the mat.

"He's what we call a brawler," Drake (Please see 'State' on page 2B)

PHOTO BY KERRY JONES/CHIEF PHOTOGRAPHER

will take part in the class I-A state wrestling tournament this weekend. The five have combined for more than 125 wins this season.

Sr. Derek Merrill

Record:
31-1

Rank: 5th

First Rd. opponent:
Steven
DePeralta,
Pleasant Hill
High



So. Skyler VanDiver

Record:
24-15

Rank: NR

First Rd. opponent:
Brandon
McClure, Rich-
mond Heights



Fr. Cody Gillenwater

Record:
27-7

Rank: 7th

First Rd. opponent:
Jake Cordray,
Marceline



Sr. Evan Durfey

Record:
22-9

Rank: NR

First Rd. opponent:
Ben Woods,
Seneca



Jr. Joe Drake

Record:
23-13

Rank: NR

First Rd. opponent:
Derek Compton,
Richmond



Women suffer loss despite late run; men ease through CMSU

Chalmers scores 17,
not enough for 'CatsBy COLE YOUNG
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

Despite the Northwest women's best efforts, the Bearcats were not able to pull off another second half comeback.

Central Missouri State proved to be too much as they came away with a 70-63 road win.

After starting the game 1-13 from the field, Northwest was able to take a 29-28 point lead into the half thanks to some of Jane Chalmers heroics.

Despite nearly turning the ball over with 6.1 seconds left in the half, the Bearcats were able to retain position. Off of the inbound pass, Chalmers split the Jennies' defense and drained the lay-up as time expired in the first half.

"I didn't really feel like I had to score," Chalmers said. "It wasn't planned; we just didn't execute right. I just knew we had to get a shot off, so I took it in and tried to do something."

The second half didn't start any better for Bearcats as CMSU put together a 14-2 run to start the half. Included in the run were seven points by Jennies' Kinsey Lehe.

After trailing 52-60 with 4:30 left in the game, the Bearcats were able to string to-

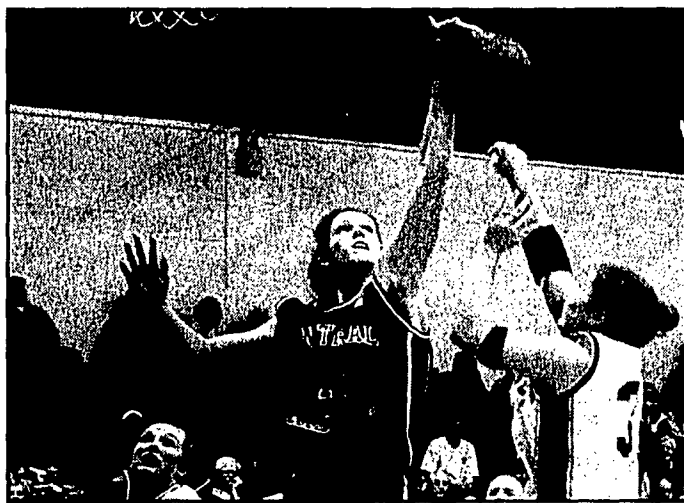


PHOTO BY MICHAELA KANGER/CONTRIBUTING PHOTOGRAPHER
Katie Scherer has her second half shot blocked by CMSU's Christie Brown. Brown recorded four blocks in the Jennies' 70-63 win over Northwest. Northwest plays at Missouri-Rolla Saturday.

gether seven unanswered points to pull the score within one with under three minutes to play.

"We have relied on second half comebacks too much," head coach Gene Steinmeyer said. "You can only go to the well so many times, and sooner or later, you're going to run out. That's what happened tonight, and that's what happened against Truman."

In the final minutes, the Jennies' free throw shooting was too much for Northwest. CMSU's Isha Kelley hit five late free throws to widen the gap.

The loss for Northwest was their fourth consecutive on Wednesday nights.

"It's more a matter of home and away," Steinmeyer said. "We have only played one complete game at home against Southern,

In depth: vs. CMSU

70	Score	63
48.1	Field goal pct.	38.1
38.5	3-point pct.	18.8
34	Total rebounds	38
22	FT attempted	15
13	FT made	12
14	Turnovers	16
7	Bench scoring	22

and that was after we had an exhibition like we had tonight."

Leading the way for Northwest was Chalmers with 17 points. Sarah Vollertsen contributed 12 points on the inside. Vollertsen also grabbed nine rebounds.

Bearcats stay in race
for title with winBy CLARK GRELL
SPORTS EDITOR

The Northwest men's basketball team picked up a season sweep of Central Missouri State University Wednesday night, easing through the Mules 80-59 at Bearcat Arena.

Central kept within striking distance of the Bearcats in the first half, but it was a string of three-pointers early in the second half that broke the game open for the Bearcats.

Senior Jelani Walker hit a three-pointer to give the Bearcats a 42-34 lead. That was followed by a senior Joel Yeldell three-pointer and another Walker three-pointer to give the Bearcats a 13-point cushion.

Before those three-pointers, Northwest (18-6) shot just 14 percent from beyond the arc. They finished the game shooting more than 30 percent from three-point land.

The Bearcats finished the game strong, outscoring the Mules 19-11 in the final eight minutes to clinch the team's 10th conference game of the season.

Walker finished the game with a team-high 16 points, followed by Yeldell and junior Kelvin Parker with 14 points each.

In depth: vs. CMSU

59	Score	80
30.2	Field goal pct.	42.9
38.9	3-point pct.	30.8
39	Total rebounds	37
30	FT attempted	20
20	FT made	18
11	Turnovers	5
17	Bench scoring	21

"It seemed like when we needed some big shots, Jelani and Joel stepped up and hit some big shots," senior Scott Fleming said. "That was the key in the second half."

The Mules made nearly 40 percent of their three-pointers but shot only 30 percent from the field.

"We picked our defensive intensity in the second half," Fleming said. "On offense, we just kept patient."

The Bearcats also shined at the free-throw line, sinking 18 of 20 free throws.

"You get a shot off every time you go down the court, you're going to start getting to the free-throw line," head coach Steve Tappmeyer said. "Some good things can happen as long as you don't turn the ball over."

The Bearcats only committed five turnovers compared to 11 by Central.

Northwest pulled out to an early 18-11 lead in the first half.

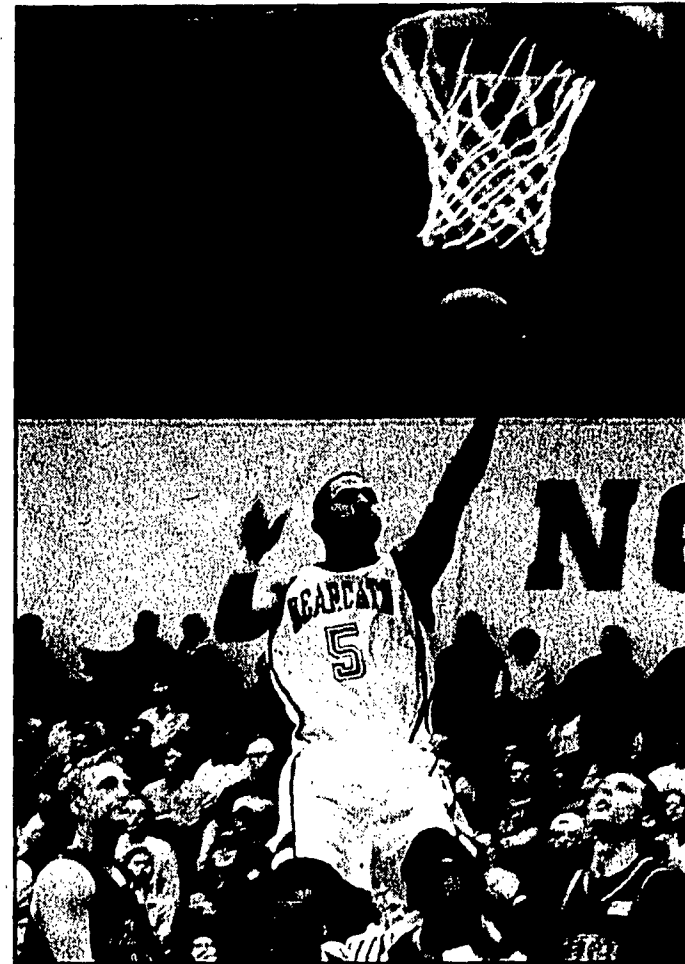


PHOTO BY MICHAELA KANGER/CONTRIBUTING PHOTOGRAPHER
Junior guard Kelvin Parker scores on a lay-in in the first half of the Bearcat's 80-59 win over Central Missouri State. Parker finished the game with 14 points.

The Mules battled back, pulling within one point at 28-27 with less than three minutes left in the half.

However, junior Jovan Perkins, Parker and Fleming scored baskets before the end of

the half to help the Bearcats to a 35-27 advantage at halftime.

Perkins played many minutes in the victory. He scored four points, but it was his defensive efforts that impressed Tappmeyer.

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Northwest baseball

The Bearcats started the season in Oklahoma this past weekend. Turn to page 2B to find out how the Bearcats kicked off their season and where they will be this weekend.



Girls' basketball

Only a couple games remain for the girls' basketball team. On Tuesday, the team played a make-up game against St. Pius X. Turn to page 2B for the results and the story.



Boys' basketball

The season is coming to a close for the boys' basketball team. To find out who the 'Hounds have left before districts and who dealt them a tough loss last Friday, turn to page 3B.

Second quarter surge powers 'Hounds to win over St. Pius

Slow start does not stop Maryville from key win

By BRIAN JOHNSON
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

After an away game against Benton, the Maryville Lady Spoofhounds returned home Tuesday to beat the St. Pius X Lady Warriors, 46-36 in a much needed win.

"The girls needed this one," head coach Randall Cook said. "It was nice to get something done and end up with more points than the other team."

In the first quarter, it looked as if the 'Hounds were going to be in another down-to-the-wire game. Neither team had an advantage and it showed in the 8-8 score.

But in the second quarter, the 'Hounds pulled away a bit, ending the first half with a 25-19 lead.

"Early on offensively, we were

Scoring by quarter				
St. Pius	8	11	4	13
Maryville	8	17	8	13

hurry," Cook said. "We were getting the shots that we wanted, but it was all kind of fast. We settled down and got in the flow of the game more."

In the second half, the 'Hounds further distanced themselves from Pius by having a big defensive quarter.

"We were pressuring them," Cook said. "We were getting them to take shots that they don't like to take."

In the fourth quarter, the 'Hounds never let the Lady Warriors get within 10 points. When it looked like St. Pius X was going to get close, the 'Hounds pulled a rebound or made a three-point shot at the right time.

According to Cook, this might have been the 'Hounds best all-around game this season.

"We played hard," Cook said. "It

got to be a physical game, and we didn't back down. We got to every loose ball on the floor. It wasn't pretty all the time, but the girls were getting after it."

Senior Cauleen Bradley led the 'Hounds in scoring, finishing with 11 points. Hilary Reynolds had 10 points, including two three-pointers and Abby Walter added nine points of her own.

Even with all the enjoyment, there was some bad news for the 'Hounds.

Tiffany Robertson left the game in the second quarter when a Pius player bumped her on the side of her face. She did not return to the game.

According to Cook, she might have a slight concussion but may return for Thursday's game.

Next up for the 'Hounds are the Savannah Savages on Thursday. Tip off is at 8 p.m. The 'Hounds will end the regular season at home Monday against Cameron.

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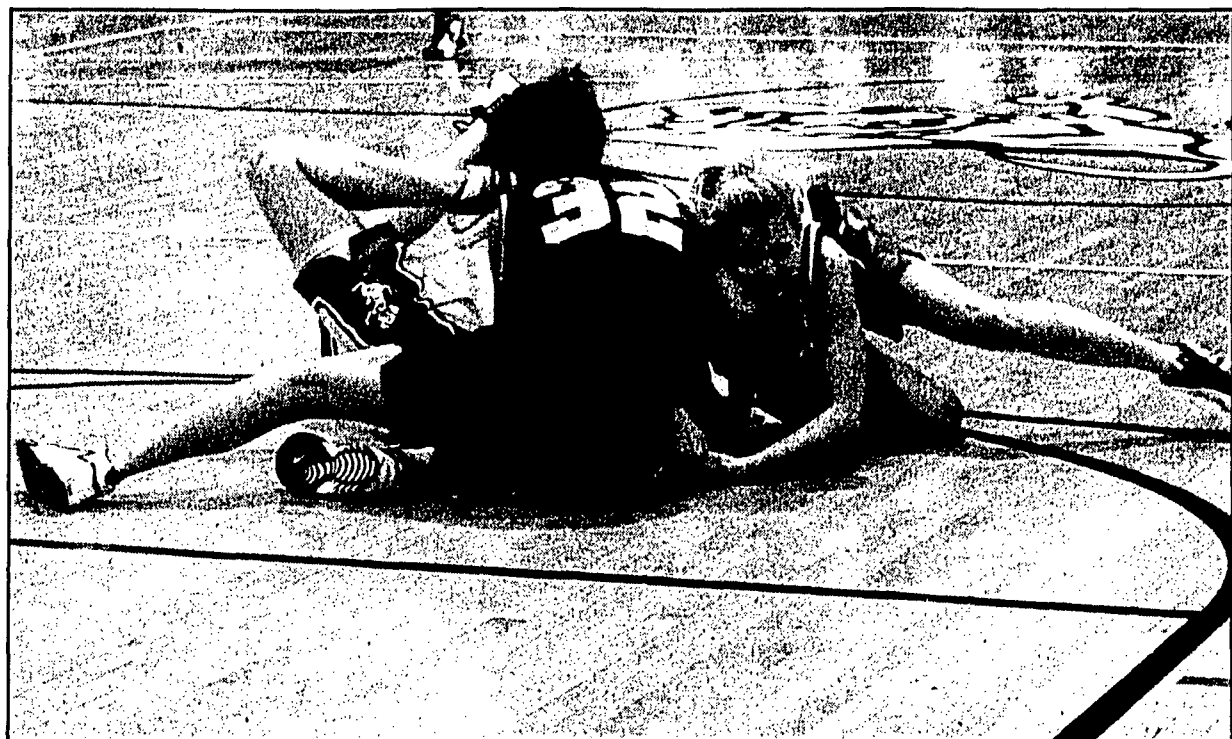


PHOTO BY MATT FRYE/CONTRIBUTING PHOTOGRAPHER
Maryville's Tiffany Robertson hits the floor and tries to wrestle the ball away from a St. Pius X defender. Robertson had two points before leaving the game due to a concussion Tuesday night in Maryville.

Bearcats fall victim to late-inning rallies

By CLARK GRELL
SPORTS EDITOR

Starting the season at 0-2 is never satisfying for a coach.

However, many positives came out of two weekend losses to Northeastern State for Northwest baseball head coach Darin Loe.

"Obviously, you want to come back with a couple of wins," Loe said. "But at the same time, I thought we did a lot of good things on the field."

The Bearcats led in both games against the Redmen before falling 4-3 in game one and 5-4 in game two.

Northwest jumped out to a early 3-0 lead in game one. Junior David Dugan drove in the 'Cats' first RBI, sending junior Andrew Donovan home.

Senior Brett Rust pitched four scoreless innings before senior Brett Jones took over in relief.

Jones gave up five hits including a solo home run in the bottom of the sixth inning to tie the game at three. Northeastern State's Tanner Altares drove in the winning run in the seventh to give the Redmen the victory.

In the nightcap, Northwest again jumped out to an early 3-0 lead.

It was another Redmen home run that shook the 'Cats with a two-run homer to give the Redmen the 5-4 lead and win. Freshman pitcher Alex Budden allowed

two runs in three and one-third innings before being taken out. Senior Kenton Klopfenstein suffered the loss in relief.

Senior John Sipes was five for seven in the two games combined, finishing with one run and one RBI. Dugan finished the weekend three for four with two RBIs.

Despite the late-game collapses, Loe said the team was happy with the chance to finally hit the field.

"I still feel good about things," he said. "It's an opportunity to get out and kind of work out the kinks. You never know what you are going to get out of that first weekend."

The Bearcats now take their game to Batesville, Ark., to take part in the Lyon College Classic.

The 'Cats will play Missouri Valley Saturday, then Evangel College and Lyon College Sunday.

Missouri Valley was one game away from qualifying for the NAIA College World Series last season.

"(Missouri Valley) is going to have great talent," Loe said. "They are solid at every position, and they are going to have good pitching. That is probably going to be the best team we play in the tournament."

Loe said Lyon College and Evangel College have solid programs as well, making this tournament even tougher.

"Just because it is a NIAA tournament, I don't think it's a pushover," Loe said. "We are going to face some outstanding competition down there."

Game one: Lost 3-4

	R	H	E
NW	0	1	2
NES	0	0	0

Player	AB	R	H	RBI	BB	SO
John Bothof	4	1	1	0	0	2
Michael French	4	1	0	0	0	2
Willis Ciaramitaro	3	0	0	0	1	0
John Sipes	3	0	2	0	1	0
Andrew Donovan	2	1	2	1	0	0
Mike Ruff	3	0	1	0	0	0
Kyle Gallagher	2	0	0	0	0	2
Pat Whitt	0	0	0	0	1	0
David Dugan	2	0	0	1	0	0
Marcus West	2	0	0	0	1	0

Pitcher	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Brett Rust	4.0	2	0	0	1	2
Brett Jones	2.1	5	4	4	1	2

Game two: Lost 4-5

	R	H	E
NW	1	0	2
NES	0	0	2

Player	AB	R	H	RBI	BB	SO
John Bothof	4	1	2	1	0	0
Michael French	4	0	0	0	0	1
Willis Ciaramitaro	4	0	1	0	0	2
John Sipes	4	1	3	1	0	1
Andrew Donovan	4	0	0	0	0	2
Mike Ruff	4	0	0	0	0	0
Pat Whitt	4	1	2	1	0	0
David Dugan	2	1	1	1	1	1
Marcus West	2	0	1	0	1	0

Pitcher	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Alex Budden	3.1	1	2	2	1	0
Kenton Klopfenstein	2.2	3	3	3	1	2

STATE from 1B

Five 'Hounds reach goal and hope to succeed this weekend

said. "He definitely likes to get out there and mix it up."

While he comes off as a bully on the mat, when an opponent tries the same tactics, VanDiver isn't necessarily happy.

"Occasionally, you will get an opponent who will hit back," VanDiver

said. "That isn't too cool."

Evan Durfey

After 11 years of watching the state tournament, Evan Durfey has his chance to finally make the walk out of the Hearnes Center tunnel during

the parade of champions Thursday. "Our goal is to get each guy in the program to qualify for state," Drake said.

To say that just qualifying for state is enough for Durfey, though, would be a lie. "Since I'm going to be there," Durfey said, "I want to medal."

Eleven wrestlers take part in sectionals, please coach with team's success

Eleven Maryville wrestlers competed in the Class 1 Section 4 wrestling meet last Saturday in Maryville.

At the meet, freshman Cody Gillenwater and senior Derek Merrill were able to capture first place seeds in the state tournament by winning their weight classes.

The tournament is slated to begin on Thursday at the Hearnes Center

in Columbia with the championship matches to take place Saturday night.

Also competing in the sectional tournament were juniors Jon Reed and Eric Wilmarth, sophomores Colby Chesnut, Dane Mayes, Jason Tuggle and freshman Dexter Partridge.

"We were pleased our wrestlers made it that far," Drake said. "For some of them, it was a new experi-

ence, wrestling at the sectional level. We had about three others who 'we thought maybe could make it by, but they weren't able to."

Though these six wrestlers did not make it to the next level, they, along with the rest of the squad, have joined the five grapplers in practicing the rest of the season.

The first matches begin at 10 a.m. Thursday.

SAMUEL from 1B

Freshman seeks to break school record in 60-meter dash

"She is very inwardly motivated," Wooton said. "She is really mentally focused on what she needs to do."

The freshman still has a long career ahead of her at Northwest, but at this point in her career, Samuel is only

taking one race at a time.

"I try to live for today," she said. "Whatever I can do today, I can improve for tomorrow."

Samuel is not the only sprinter having success this season.

Senior Kadie Campbell placed third at the NWU Invitational in the 60-meter dash with a time of 7.89 seconds.

For more results from this past weekend's meet in Lincoln, check out missourianonline.com.

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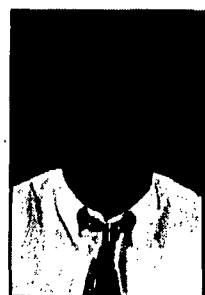
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Gabriel Helms

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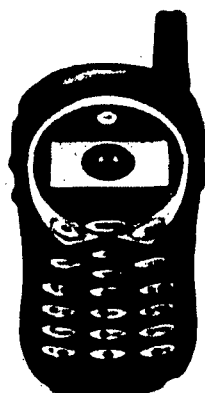
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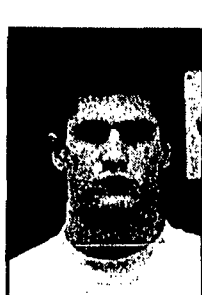
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The senior has won over 30 matches this season heading into the state meet this weekend. He won the 130 pound weight division at districts and sectionals.



Derek Merrill

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ARMCHAIR QUARTERBACKS

How well do you think the Northwest baseball team will do this year?



"I talked to Ben McMillian; he's a freshman on the team. He said things are looking up. I think that they'll do pretty good."

JUSTIN TALLEY
EDUCATION



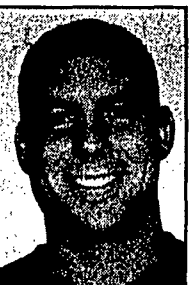
"I think they're going to do great with the new addition of Ben McMillian. He's just a pure athlete. But I also think that it's going to be a struggle with the loss of Chad McDaniel."

MARCELLUS CASEY
BUSINESS MANAGEMENT



"I saw a couple of games last year, and I'm hoping that they do well."

SARAH WHITHORN
ELEMENTARY EDUCATION



"I think they'll make the World Series."

BEN BRUGGEMANN
MARKETING MANAGEMENT

'Hounds lose free throw battle, game

By RYAN DELEHANT
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

Late free throws decided the game Friday as the Benton Cardinals defeated the Maryville boys' basketball team 49-48 at Maryville High School.

"It was a series of plays that they capitalized on that we didn't that decided the game tonight," head coach Mike Kuwitzky said.

However, the 'Hounds were able to jump out to an early lead, 13-9, in the first quarter. Senior guard David Akins scored seven of his team-high 17 points in the first quarter.

The Cardinals started to catch up in the second quarter. Just before half-time, Benton junior Ky Turner rebounded a missed lay-up by teammate James McGuire and put it back in before the buzzer. The 'Hounds went into the half leading 25-23.

"On defense, we needed to stop the drive and box out better," Kuwitzky said. "We also needed to run and execute the offense better."

The 'Hounds would have to rely on the bench for most of the second half due to foul trouble. Sophomore Myles Burnside picked up his fourth foul one minute into the third quarter, and senior Dylan Hurst received his third foul early in the third quarter.



PHOTO BY KERRY JONES/CHIEF PHOTOGRAPHER
Myles Burnside works on free throws in a mid-week practice. The 'Hounds will tip-off at 8 p.m. Monday at Cameron.

"Our bench really stepped it up tonight," Kuwitzky said. "Every time your starters get into foul trouble, you have to make adjustments."

With the help from bench players, the 'Hounds were able to remain in striking distance. After the third quarter, the Cardinals had taken the lead

36-32.

The 'Hounds made the game close for most of the fourth quarter and cut Benton's lead down to three with just over a minute left in the game.

A foul on Benton with 19 seconds sent Burnside to the line for a one-and-one and a chance to tie the game. Burnside missed, forcing Maryville to foul. Free throws by the Cardinals' McGuire and Jared Boone sealed the win for Benton. A last second three-point attempt by Akins made the final score 49-48.

Akins led the 'Hounds with 17 points to go along with six rebounds. Hurst finished with 11 points before fouling out with a minute to play. Senior Adam Howell came off the bench to lead the 'Hounds in rebounds with seven.

Boone led the Cardinals with 16 points and six rebounds followed by senior Martin Rucker with 12 points. Maryville's next two games will be against Savannah and Cameron.

"Savannah has really improved and is really playing hard as of late," Kuwitzky said. "Cameron is the best team in northwest Missouri. They are going to be ready for us, and it is going to be a good game."

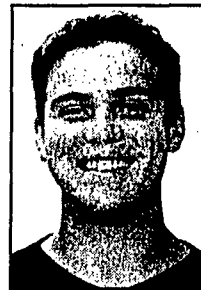
The 'Hounds (15-8, 2-3) will play Friday against Savannah and Monday at Cameron High School.

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RANTING AND RAVING

'Cats are still editor's pick in March

Hot shooting opponents are no match for 'Cats in MIAA



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16-2. When comparing the 2001-02 MIAA record of the men's basketball team, it is a far cry from this year's 9-5 record so far.

That's what makes last season's record so impressive, and that is coupled with the fact that the Bearcats did not even win the MIAA regular season title outright. They tied with Missouri Western State College.

So what is the difference between 16-2 and 9-5?

It is a pretty simple answer, yet a difficult one all the same.

Northwest has gotten every team's best shot, including that of 5-18 Truman State University.

That pressure means Northwest has to come with its A-plus game every night or risk losing like they have on the road this season. For those that have not followed the 'Cats this season, the only conference games they have lost have been on the road.

And those losses have seen oppo-

nents put up some gaudy numbers. In a loss at Pittsburg State University, a place where the 'Cats have only won once in the last eight times they've been there, Pitt had two players, Cedric Brooks and Jamey Richardson, go for 29 points each. Against Emporia State University, Robbie Ballard hit a MIAA record 13 three-pointers from everywhere on the floor against the 'Cats.

Against Washburn University last Wednesday, freshman reserve Gary Woodland did not miss a shot in the second half on his way to a career-high 21 points. In that game, the Ichabods overcame a 10-point second half deficit to post a 10-point victory.

Even though the 'Cats have struggled on the road, there have been occasions at Bearcat Arena when they have come with their A-plus games. In those contests, the 'Cats have shown glimpses of the team that went 29-3 last season.

And those glimpses are what makes the 'Cats one of the scariest teams in the MIAA tournament. With big game experience, the best backcourt in the MIAA and the ability, if they get hot, to beat any team in the country, they could still win the National Championship.

Granted, that is a big "if" but North Carolina State did it with Jim Valvano as a No. 6 seed in 1983, and Villanova won the National Championship in 1985 as the No. 8 seed.

The bottom line is when March comes around, anything can happen, and after two seasons of seeing the 'Cats play, I am not putting my money on any other team in the MIAA.

Anything after an MIAA Tournament Title is icing on the cake.

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FAN PLAN

Home games

	TODAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
Northwest men's basketball			Missouri Rolla 3:30 p.m.				Emporia State 7:30 p.m.
Northwest women's basketball			Missouri Rolla 1:30 p.m.				Emporia State 5:30 p.m.
Northwest indoor track & field			Central Missouri 10 a.m.				
Maryville boys' basketball			Savannah 8 p.m.		Cameron 6:30 p.m.		
Maryville girls' basketball		Savannah 8 p.m.			Cameron 6:30 p.m.		
Maryville wrestling							

Bearcats announce 2003 football schedule

The Northwest athletic department recently announced the 2003 football schedule for the Bearcats.

The Bearcats will play six games at the newly-renovated Rickenbrode Stadium starting with the dedication to the stadium during the first home game against the University of Minnesota-Mankato.

Central Missouri State and Missouri Southern will make another return to Rickenbrode as they did last season.

The University of South Dakota State will replace the University of Nebraska-Omaha. This fall's contest will be played in Brookings, S.D.

2003 SCHEDULE

Sept. 6	South Dakota State	7 p.m.
Sept. 13	Minn.-Mankato	1 p.m.
Sept. 20	CMU	1 p.m.
Sept. 27	Missouri-Rolla	6:30 p.m.
Oct. 4	Washburn	1 p.m.
Oct. 11	Emporia State	2 p.m.
Oct. 18	Missouri Southern	1 p.m.
Oct. 25	Missouri Western	1 p.m.
Nov. 1	Truman State	1 p.m.
Nov. 8	Southwest Baptist	1 p.m.
Nov. 15	Pittsburg State	2 p.m.

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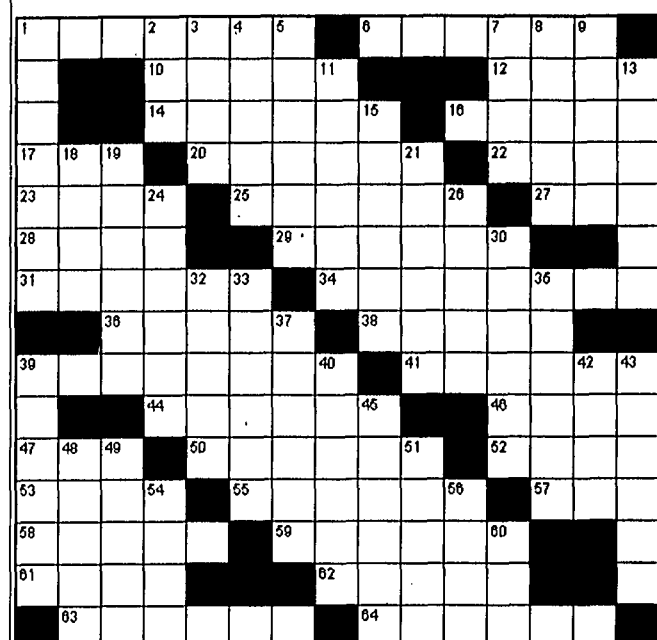
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Across

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6. Herds
10. Bathsheba's husband
12. Assist
14. Detected
16. Craze

17. Move through the air
20. More saturated
22. Spasms
23. Froth
25. Drunken
27. Encountered
28. I Love —, TV

show
29. Family members
31. Characteristic of a group
34. Understandings between nations
36. Fortune-telling

cards
38. The Pentateuch
39. Touse
41. Goes over again
44. Attacks from a safe distance
46. Perceive as fact
47. Annoy by persistent faultfinding
50. Lacking vigor
52. Gull-like predatory bird
53. Nipple
55. Sex
57. Pigeon
58. Fevers
59. Moved out (4,2)
61. Atlantic mullet
62. Sows
63. Mawkish
64. Surface bait (3,3)

Down

1. Shamble
2. Passenger vehicle
3. Make beer or ale
4. Queues
5. E Pennsylvania city

7. Request for information
8. Fabric of jeans
9. Cut
11. Female name
13. Hits
15. Temporary retaining mechanism
18. Oaf
19. Vessels
21. Member of the clergy
24. Bird mimics
26. Farm implement maker
30. Light meals
32. Female name
33. Concave molding
35. Rewards verbally
37. Conical tents
39. Pertaining to the teeth
40. Greek island
42. Thrust out the lips
43. Vacillator
45. Edged furtively
48. Sponsorship
49. Like gauze
51. One who yields
54. Rip
56. Male name
60. Pressure measure

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Your Man celebrates the art of poverty

Wow, Your Man has really done it this time. Once again, I've reached an all-time low. And with the gender identity crisis and numerous restraining orders from last year's "Golden Girls" fetish, it goes without saying that your famed and respected Stroller has been pretty darn low in his two pitiful decades on this planet.

However, I knew rock bottom had been shoved far down my esophagus when, much to my dismay Monday evening, I realized I had watched the entire six-week series of FOX's "Joe Millionaire." And I think I liked it.

Of course, my true identity would never admit I was hooked on the latest gem of quality brought to me courtesy of basic cable. However, thanks to my blessed anonymity, Your Man will gladly profess that, unlike my fellow students who have coveted reputations to protect, I was hooked on "Joe Millionaire" like a sorority chick on Metabolife.

From under my blanket, as I watched this gift from the heavens with the volume low and the lights turned out, my very heart was enraptured with each episode's suspenseful ending. I scoffed at Evan as he eliminated the beloved Mojo; tears welled in my bloodshot eyes as Zora pledged to be his true love until the million dollar check cleared; and throughout the series, my heart also pounded as Evan rattled off Casanova lines to the ladies vying for his heart including, "Hey Sarah, the time we spent was really... neat," and "Like, so, did you know you can put, um, superglue in really bad cuts?" What a heartbreaker. My hero indeed.

Despite the complex and intriguing plot line of this work of genius that is "Joe Millionaire," I suppose my fascination with this show was based on

the fact that, unlike the lifestyle of splendor lived at the French chateau, Your Man's poverty-stricken life is far less than glorious.

Yes indeed, the painful truth is that, unlike a large portion of my sport utility vehicle-driving peers, your Stroller is far beyond destitute. In fact, destitute is a financial oasis I can only dream of as I continue to rifle through the Student Union's dumpsters.

Sure, it goes without saying that being poor certainly does blow, but since being forced to achieve that goal the naive call "financial independence"

upon my arrival here at Northwest, I believe I have transformed the pain of poverty into what is now a beautiful art.

It's true, and it's all thanks to the continuing survival of second-hand culture, your friendly South Maryville yard sale and, of course, a

society that glamorizes anorexic waifs that I have been able to pull off wearing Girl Scouts t-shirts, purple corduroy pants and not eating for a week, all the while looking cool doing it.

Because of this, perhaps it has revealed the true reason that "Joe Millionaire" has inspired me so. If a suave stud like Evan Marriott can fake being rich, perhaps your Stroller can capitalize on the same idea by reveling in and celebrating my poverty.

That's right, I think I'll start my own series based off real-life experiences. I'll call it, "Joe-not-so-good-looking-brake-ass." I'm sure potential mates will be lined up for miles, certain there's a fortune hidden behind the secondhand clothes and stolen ramen noodles. But, unless they're in it for my mind and great personality as so many are, well then, the joke's on them.

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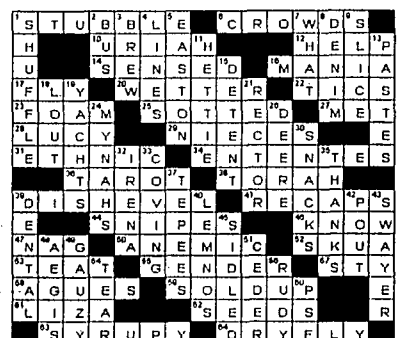
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	Feb. 21 The Schwag Uptown Theatre	Mar. 16 Isola The Hurricane
Des Moines	Feb. 21 Etta May Funny Bone	Feb. 22 David Zollo Hairy Mary's
	Feb. 21 Jerry Seinfeld Civic Center	Feb. 26 Unloco Hairy Mary's
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